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Lieut.-Colonel SCHOLL, German Assistant Military Attache to Tokyo.

Lieut.-Colonel SCHOLL, German Assistant Military Attache to Tokyo, arrived in Shanghai in mid-February 1939, since when he has been attached to the German Embassy, sixth floor, Glen Line Building, Peking Road. He resides in the Broadway Mansions.

It is rather difficult to define exactly his duties, but it is believed that the primary reason for his being seconded to Shanghai was the fact that he has an excellent knowledge of the Japanese language, and since the German Embassy and Consulate-General have previously had no special department to deal with Japanese affairs, he has, since his arrival, been entrusted with the task of co-operating with the Japanese naval, military and civil authorities on all matters affecting German interests that need successful settlement.

German interests in areas under Japanese influence in China proper, for instance, are all conducted through the medium of SCHOLL who maintains close contact with the Japanese authorities.

He has made occasional short trips to Nanking with the object of settling certain matters that appear to have been of commercial importance, during the course of which he secured information of a military nature concerning the activities of Japanese troops for transmission to Colonel MATZKI (?), German Military Attache in Tokyo.

Colonel MATZKI was in Shanghai and Nanking in the latter part of 1938 and according to details to hand, this journey was made for the purpose of watching military developments

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in China as affecting German trade (?) angles. Following his return to Tokyo, Lieut.-Colonel SCHOLL was despatched to Shanghai.

SCHOLL makes periodical visits to high ranking local Japanese naval and military officers, with whom he is on t he best of terms, but in view of the limited facilities available for keeping observation on anybody's movements in the Hongkew area, it has been found impossible to secure accurate data as to SCHOLL'S activities in this respect.